

2 Americans Cited For Gallantry by French Officers

General Pershing Sends Congratulations to Lieut. Post and Private Ross

Both Cool in Danger

Men Receiving Honorable Mention Members of the Expeditionary Forces

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Lieutenant Frank A. Post, jr., and Private Frank A. Ross, of the Expeditionary Forces, have been cited for gallantry in French army orders. Letters of commendation, written to them by General Pershing's chief of staff, were made public to-night by the War Department.

Lieutenant Post, son of Mrs. Price Post, of Tuxedo Park, N. Y., during a fight at the aviation school at Pau found his machine breaking into flames, but managed to make a safe landing and rescue his instruments.

Private Ross, a nephew of Charles Cooper, of 1829 Seventy-second Street, Brooklyn, distinguished himself by courage under fire during a recent bombardment. He was gassed, necessitating his removal to a hospital.

The letter to Lieutenant Post says: "The commander in chief has received the following order of the day for September 26, 1917, from the French school at Pau:

"The commander of the school congratulates Lieutenant Post for the remarkable conduct which he manifested during a fight on September 26. The example of this officer, conserving all his energies in the face of fire on board, effecting a normal landing and rescuing from the flames the instruments on board of his airplane, should serve as a model for all the aviators. He has shown the qualities which every military pilot should possess."

"The commander in chief is particularly gratified in having an American officer so soon get honorable mention from our French allies and I am very glad to congratulate him in his name."

Ross Has Had Active

Career in the Army

Frank A. Ross, of 1529 Seventy-second Street, Brooklyn, mentioned for gallantry in action in the French military dispatches, is a nephew of Charles Cooper, a carpenter of Borough Park.

He is twenty-two years old and enlisted four years ago in the regular army at Fort Slocum. He was immediately assigned to the 6th Cavalry, U. S. A. Soon after he went with his regiment to Texas and saw action in the border when the Mexican raids first assumed serious proportions.

He was promoted from corporal to sergeant after the Galveston flood of 1915. During the relief and rescue work following the flood he was injured seriously rescuing a horse from a river.

After recuperating in a Galveston hospital he had to be transferred to the 26th Infantry because he was unable to ride again. In spite of this transfer he was again injured by a kick from a quartermaster's horse in September, 1916, and was again a patient for some months in a San Antonio hospital.

A year ago when his three years' enlistment period expired he reenlisted under the reserve clause, going back into the army again as a private. He left for France last July in the 26th Infantry.

Four Carloads of American Xmas Mail Reach France

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Four carloads of Christmas mail which arrived at a French port from the United States were forwarded today for delivery at the headquarters of the regimental units of the American Expeditionary Forces. The bulk of the Christmas mail, which consisted of thirty thousand sacks and required ninety freight cars to move, was delivered at the headquarters of the various units on or before Christmas Day, but a storm at sea delayed for three days the arrival of the mail sent forward today.

Besides the mail delivered by the army postoffice, there were several carloads of large packages, weighing over seven pounds, which were handled by the Quartermaster's Department.

Guynemer's Airplane To Be Shown Here

It Will Be Sent to Pan-American Aviation Congress for Exhibition

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The Ministry of War notified to-day the foreign service committee of the Aero Club of America that the French government will be represented officially at the Pan-American Aviation Exhibition and Congress which, it is announced here, will open in New York on February 15. The French will send thousands of official photographs and several series of films showing every phase of aviation activity in modern warfare.

It is also assured the French official exhibit will include Captain Guynemer's famous airplane "Vieux Charles," as well as the German Zeppelin L-49, as well as other interesting trophies captured from the Germans.

Henri Farres, the French official army and navy artist, will leave for the United States soon on a special mission. He will carry with him all his aerial paintings, most of which were made at the fighting front. The pictures will be exhibited in the Aero Club headquarters in New York and later will be shown throughout the large cities of the United States.

1% Per MONTH ON PLEDGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

THE PROVIDENT LOAN SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

Applications for loans of large amounts will be considered at the office at Fourth Avenue and 25th Street.

Soldiers' Godmothers League Disbands at Pershing's Request

20,000 Women Give Up Work of Providing Comforts to Troops Abroad When They Learn That Packages and Letters Are Congesting Mails

In response to General Pershing's request that American women discontinue the practice of "adopting" American soldiers in France, the American Godmothers' League for the American Soldiers in France announced yesterday that the organization will immediately disband.

Mrs. W. Leonard Davis, secretary of this national organization of 20,000 women, said that already the executive board of the league has met in conference with a Red Cross committee and voted to notify members immediately of the decision which was made as soon as the league was officially informed that letters and packages from its many members to soldiers in France were congesting the mails and that General Pershing did not approve of the correspondence of his men with women in this country whom they did not know. Funds already on hand will be turned over to the Soldiers' Relief Committee of the Red Cross, and the forty cases of soldier comforts now on hand will be sent over whenever possible.

"The league has outgrown its infancy," said Mrs. Davis yesterday, "and is paying the penalty for being too successful. But we are only too willing to meet conditions as they are and to cooperate with the government in every way possible. Shortage of coal makes shipping very difficult, and we are just as anxious as anybody else to have food and munitions go over in preference to the little comfort articles that we were sending."

"Most of our men have only about a month left after paying their insurance, buying bonds and so on, and the luxuries we have been sending were really almost necessities. However, they must have other things first, and godmothers want to help them get them."

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Upton to School Officers in Duties Of Higher Rank

Commander Denies There Is Shortage or Excess of Clothing at the Camp

CAMP UPTON, L. I., Dec. 27.—A school for officers of higher command, to be called the "School for General Officers," will be opened at this camp on January 4.

The regimental and other commanders, who will eventually become general officers, are required to have a comprehensive knowledge of the duties of all the officers of the next lower command than that of general.

The classes will be conducted by means of lectures, quizzes and conferences, and will be under the personal supervision of Brigadier General Evan M. Johnson, the division commander. The school will be practically a cooperative one, for the colonels of artillery, infantry, engineers and other regiments and units will study together, and each will contribute his share of the knowledge that is necessary to complete the course.

General Johnson issued the following statement to-day:

"My attention has been directed to several articles which have appeared within the last week in the New York papers in reference to the shortage and excess of clothing in this division. That these articles have created an erroneous impression I know from several communications which have reached me, and in order that the facts may be clearly understood I will state that there is no shortage of clothing in this division; nor is there any excess. All men have a sufficient amount of clothing to keep them warm."

"There have at times been a few shortages, but not in any great quantity, and there has been no suffering. If, as they say, the proof of the pudding is in the eating, when it is stated that approximately 42,000 men have passed through this division since its organization, that there have been but two deaths due to illness, that its mortality percentage is lower at the present time than it has been since the organization of the division, it will be plain that the conditions in regard to clothing, food, housing, etc., must be good."

Adjutant General H. P. McCain has issued an appeal for 1,750 men qualified to serve as army field clerks. Appointments are made at either \$1,000 or \$1,200 per annum to the Army Field Clerks' Corps, which now comprises about 2,900 men. The corps is composed largely of university graduates, members are a part of the regular military establishment, subject to the rules and articles of war. Many of them have been assigned to duty with brigades and divisions, others are stationed at the headquarters of territorial departments, districts and at service schools. Several hundred men of this corps are now in France.

Concerning a reference to army field clerks as "clackers," men desiring to evade actual fighting, an army officer said recently:

"Field clerks must go wherever their commanding officers go. If they are 'clackers,' then we are all 'clackers.' Besides, many of them are past the selective draft age limit, and a considerable portion have seen service in the regular army. Many gave up responsible positions in order to make themselves valuable to the government."

Million Lost in Two Years To Chicago Swindlers CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The police and the State's Attorney today are investigating the loss of a large sum of money by Albert A. Charles, of Kokomo, Ind., who claims to be the victim of a band of Chicago confidence men, which, the authorities declare, has defrauded small-town merchants in Indiana and Illinois of approximately \$1,000,000 within the last two years.

Two arrests have been made in the alleged swindle. The police are looking for another man, who has served a penitentiary term for a similar operation.

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Colonel P. E. Pierce Named Member of The War Council

New Body Will Handle All Departmental Questions Except Strategy

[Staff Correspondence] WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Colonel Palmer E. Pierce, whose promotion to the rank of brigadier general is now before the Senate for confirmation, today was appointed by Secretary of War Baker as a member of the recently created War Council, Colonel Pierce will continue as the War Department's representative on the War Industries Board, in which capacity he has been serving since its creation.

Secretary Baker declared to-day that the War Council was proceeding with its work of coordinating all divisions of the War Department and handling general military questions except matters involving strategy, which is left to the American commander in the field and the General Staff.

The council's chief work for the immediate future, it was said, will be to outline new legislation that is deemed essential by the military experts of the government. When this is complete the council will give its attention to determining the best methods of forwarding troops to the front, how they shall be maintained and the important question of prompt delivery of supplies to the overseas forces.

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